IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re Application of: : Group Art Unit:

Dr. Reinhard BUENDGEN

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Entitled: : Examiner:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PARALLEL:

AND PROCEDURAL COMPUTING

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, change "the preceding claim" to --claim 3--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "the preceding claim" to --claim 4--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "the preceding claim" to --claim 6--.

8. (AMENDED) The method according claim [1] 2 comprising the step of using a program library which comprises program means for performing the steps of serializing input arguments, running said parallel method in parallel, returning said result and deserializing the result [according to the preceding claim 2 or 3].

Claim 9, line 4, change "steps" to --step--; and
lines 4-5, change "one of the preceding claims" to
--claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 3, change "one of the preceding claims 1 to

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6" to --claim 1--.

Claim 11, lines 3-4, change "any one of the claims 1 to 6" to --claim 1--.

Claim 13, line 1, change "the preceding claim" to --claim 12--.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "or claim 14".

REMARKS

Multiple dependency has been eliminated. Please enter this amendment before calculation of the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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